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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO; KARACHI FOR RSS

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: ASEC

SUB: REQUEST FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 216055

1. TDY SY OFFICER NEEDED ASAP. POST ENVISIONS THAT OFFICER WOULD PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY BRIEFINGS AND GUIDANCE TO AMERICAN COMPANIES IN IRAN. WHILE US MISSION SECURITY OFFICERS WILL HELP EXTENSIVELY IN BRIEFING PHASE OF PROGRAM, TDY OFFICER SHOULD ASSIST PRIVATE COMPANY SECURITY OFFICERS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. FYI, APPROXIMATELY 250 LARGE AND SMALL AMERICAN COMPANIES ARE REPRESENTED IN IRAN. AS BUSINESS SECURITY MEETING OF 30 AUG 76 (WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY APPROX 170 CONCERNED BUSINESSMEN) HIGHLIGHTS, BUSINESSES HAVE A DEFINITE AND URGENT NEED TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE AND DEFENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES. WHILE EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICERS WILL BE ABLE TO DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE TIME TO THIS PROJECT, FOLLOW-UP OF PREVIOUS TERRORIST INCIDENTS HAS SHOWN THAT SYSTEMATIC AND OCONTINUAL LIAISON WITH BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF REGULAR DUTIES. THEREFORE, TDY OFFICER IS REQUESTED TO FILL THIS GAP. AMBASSADOR HAS TASKED RSO TO PROVIDE EVERY POSSIBLE AID AND ASSISTANCE TO THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

2. TREMENDOUS INTEREST EXPRESS IN FILM "EXECUTIVE DECISION" (SHOWN ON 30 AUG 76) POINTS OUT NEED FOR AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL COPY ON LOAN BASIS. RSO WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND
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LOCAL FILM LIBRARY AND MAKE SAME AVAILABLE TO ARMISH/MAAG AND

BUSINESS COMMUNITY. ANY TRAINING AIDS (INCLUDING VTR, SLIDES, PRINTED HANDOUTS, ETC) WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE STATUS OF REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY MEMO TO A/SY/T/SP(DATED 12 AUG 76; SUBJ: STANDARDIZATION OF HANDGUNS) AND MEMO SUBMITTED TO A/SY/FO (DATED 15 AUG 76; SUBJ: RADIO EQUIPMENT).

4. IN INCIDENT OF 28 AUG 76, VICTIM'S CAR WINDSHIELD WAS SPRAYED WITH 9MM SUBMACHINEGUN (PHOTOS TO BE FORWARDED WITH CLOSING RSO REPORT). REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE'S KNOWLEDGE OF AVAILABLE WINDSHIELD PROTECTIVE POSSIBILITIES MAY NOT BE CURRENT. PLEASE PROVIDE LATEST DETAILS ON THE STATE OF THE ART. FURTHERMORE, ATTACKERS HAVE ALWAYS POSITIONED THEMSELVES VERY NEAR DRIVERS WINDOW AND REAR PASSENGER WINDOWS. WOULD DIABLING AGENTS SUCH AS CN/CS TEAR GAS PREMOUNTED IN VEHICLE FRAME BE AVAILABLE AS COUNTERMEASURE?

5. AT THE BUSINESS SECURITY MEETING OF 30 AUG 76, IT WAS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO COMPANIES THAT THEY CONSIDER HIRING PROFESSIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS. ODES SY HAVE A LIST OF CANDIDATES AVAILABLE TO POSSIBLY FILL SUCH POSITIONS? SINCE THE SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES VARIES GREATLY FROM COMPANY TO COMPANY, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE SALARY SCALES AND EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS. WE WILL PUT ANY CANDIDATES SY MAY HAVE DIRECTLY IN TOUCH WITH COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES.
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